

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3323–S3380

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 627–637, and S. Res. 76–78. **Pages S3368–69**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 110th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 111–8)

S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads. (S. Rept. No. 111–9)

S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3368**

Measures Passed:

Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 1512, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3379**

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, designating March 22, 2009, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”. **Page S3379**

Measures Considered:

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 146, to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3338–48, S3348–63**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 680 (to Amendment No. 684), to ensure that the general public has full access to our national parks and to promote the health and safety of all visitors and employees of the National Park Service. (By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 101), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3338, S3342, S3348–49**

Coburn Amendment No. 679 (to Amendment No. 684), to provide for the future energy needs of the United States and eliminate restrictions on the development of renewable energy. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 102), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3338, S3349–50**

Coburn Amendment No. 675 (to Amendment No. 684), to prohibit the use of eminent domain and to ensure that no American has their property forcibly taken from them by authorities granted under this Act. (By 63 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 103), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3339, S3342–48, S3351–52**

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 684, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3338–48, S3348–63**

Coburn Amendment No. 682 (to Amendment No. 684), to protect scientists and visitors to federal lands from unfair penalties for collecting insignificant rocks. **Page S3340**

Coburn Amendment No. 677 (to Amendment No. 684), to require Federal agencies to determine on an annual basis the quantity of land that is owned by each Federal agency and the cost to taxpayers of the ownership of the land. **Pages S3340–42**

Coburn Amendment No. 683 (to Amendment No. 684), to prohibit funding for congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects. **Page S3361**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 19, 2009, and that there be 20 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators Bingaman and Coburn, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments as listed below, and that the order with respect to time prior to votes and